

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 378****SENATE BILL NO. 322****By Haynes****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1818****By Hackworth**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 56, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section, to be appropriately numbered:

50-6-\_\_\_\_. (a) The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or commissioner's designee, shall order appropriate workers' compensation benefits and loss adjustment expenses associated with the claim to be paid on an equal basis by the insurance carrier (or carriers) and the self-insured employer, as appropriate, in any case where:

(1)(A) An employer changes insurance carriers; or

(B) Where the employer having been self-insured, becomes insured; or

(C) Having been insured, is approved to be self-insured; and

(2) One of the following applies:

(A) The compensability of the claim is not being disputed by the employer or carrier; or

(B) A workers' compensation specialist has determined the claim to be compensable or ordered the provision of benefits to an employee; and

(3) There is a dispute as to which entity is responsible to provide workers' compensation benefits to a worker.

(b) Upon an agreement by the parties or a court order as to which entity is responsible to pay the workers' compensation benefits to the employee, the entity who is responsible for the provision of workers'

compensation benefits shall reimburse the other entity all moneys paid for or on behalf of the employee as ordered by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, or commissioner's designee, plus interest from the date of payment at the rate set by Section 47-14-121.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6130(e), is amended by deleting the language "June 30, 2007" and by substituting instead the language "June 30, 2012".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 29, 2007**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 8th day of June 2007**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR